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SUBJ: ANTI-COMMUNIST DEMONSTRATION IN HOI AN

1. FROM 0930 TO APPROXIMATELY 1045 ON 14 NOV AT THE HOI AN SOCCER FIELD AN ESTIMATED 3500 TO 4000 STUDENTS FROM ALL THE SCHOOLS IN THE CITY GATHERED IN AN OFFICIALLY ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATION TO PROTEST THE MINING OF A BUS ON THE INTERIOR QUE SON ROAD SOME TWO WEEKS AGO WHICH KILLED NINETEEN SCHOOL CHILDREN. ALSO PRESENT WERE VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND NOTABLES FROM THE AREA INCLUDING THE PROVINCE CHIEF, THE PROVINCE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUDDHIST COMMUNISTY. SEVERAL SCHOOL PRINCIPLAS, AND OTHER PERSONAGES FROM THE PROVINCE. SEVERAL SPEECHES OF MOURNING WERE MADE, AND THE PROVINCE CHIEF AGREED TO FORWARD THE STUDENTS' PROTEST OF THE MINING TO PRESIDENT THIEU. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. AFTER THE CEREMONY A SMALL GROUP, INCLUDING SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE HOI AN CONTINGENT OF THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION AND THE PROVINCE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN WENT TO THE ICCS COMPOUND WHERE THEY PRESENTED TO AN ICCS REPRESENTATIVE ANOTHER PETITION CONCERNING THE INCIDENT. (THE ICCS CONTINGENT AS A WHOLE HAD BEEN INVITED TO THE CEREMONY BUT HAD DECLINED THE INVITATION.)

3. THE DEMONSTRATION HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR MORE THAN A WEEK AND WAS CARRIED OUT QUIETLY AND WITHOUT INCIDENT. FRANCIS

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